GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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TELEPHONE RENT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have enhanced the monthly rent of telephone subscribers in the metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of States alongwith the names of metropolitan cities where this enhancement has been effected and the date from which this enhancement has been made effective; and

(d) the details of the tariff scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (d): Under the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act (1997), only the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has been mandated with the power of telecom tariff fixation. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, the two Service Providing Govt. undertakings, have revised the monthly rental to bring it in conformity with Telecom Regulatory Authority of India`s prescriptions. The revised rentals for all urban subscribers applicable from 1.2.2001 are as follows:

Exchange System	Standard monthly rental as per TRAI	Monthly rental made applicable from 1.2.2001
(i) Exchange system capacity less than 30000 lines	Rs. 120	Rs. 120
(ii) Exchange system capacity of 30000 lines and above but below 1 lakh lines	Rs. 180	Rs. 180
(iii) Exchange system capacity of 1 lakh lines and above but below 3 lakhs	Rs. 250	Rs. 250
(iv) Exchange system capacity of 3 lakhs lines and above.	Rs. 250	Rs. 250